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AMENDMENT

In response to the Office Action of December 17, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

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IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the following claims. A marked up version of the claims is attached at Appendix A.

20. (Twice Amended) A method as set forth in claim 18 wherein the at least one modifier signal comprises a plurality of modifier signals and step (a) includes generating a first modifier signal having either a positive occupant presence signal indicating that an occupant is present in a predetermined area or a negative occupant presence signal indicating that the occupant is not in the predetermined area; generating a second modifier signal having either a positive child seat signal indicating that a child seat is properly installed within the predetermined area or a negative child seat signal indicating that the child seat is not present or is improperly installed within the